

A large green and white emergency tent is set up outdoors on a paved surface. The tent's interior is visible, showing several medical gurneys, folding chairs, and a large cooler. The tent is pitched against a clear blue sky, with trees and a building visible in the background. The text is overlaid in yellow on the tent's interior.

# **MASS CASUALTY CARE: ESSENTIALS of ESTABLISHING YOUR EMERGENCY TREATMENT AREA**

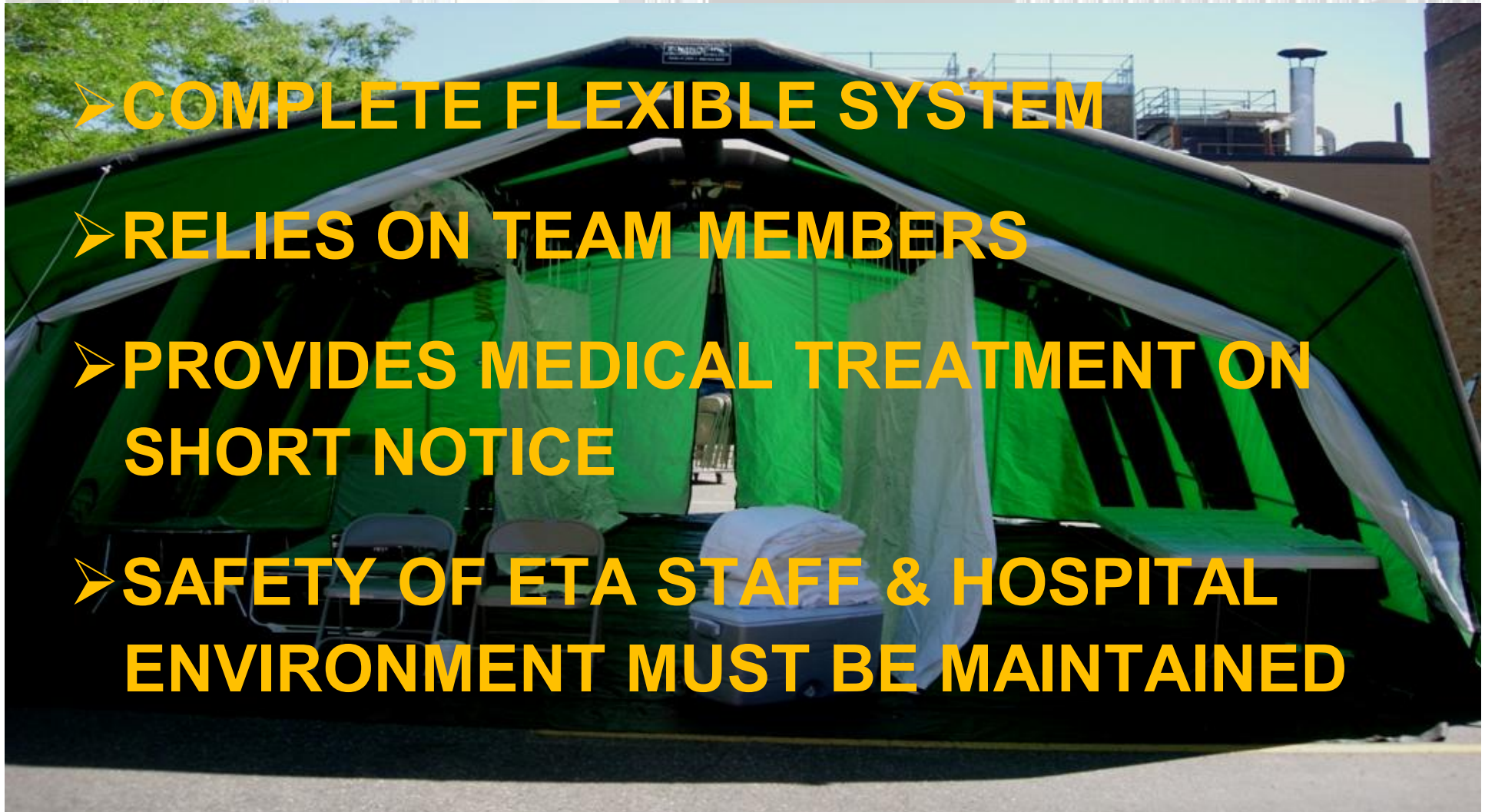
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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN RURAL TRAUMA SYMPOSIUM  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**



# EMERGENCY TREATMENT AREA INTRODUCTION

- COMPLETE FLEXIBLE SYSTEM
- RELIES ON TEAM MEMBERS
- PROVIDES MEDICAL TREATMENT ON SHORT NOTICE
- SAFETY OF ETA STAFF & HOSPITAL ENVIRONMENT MUST BE MAINTAINED



# **EMERGENCY TREATMENT AREA INTRODUCTION**

- **MOST IMPORTANT AREA FOR PATIENT CARE & HOSPITAL SAFETY DURING A LARGE SCALE EMERGENCY RESPONSE**
- **ETA REQUIRES TRAINED INDIVIDUALS**
- **THESE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEDICALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS**



# EMERGENCY TREATMENT AREA TRIGGER POINTS

- EARLY SCENE RECOGNITION & HOSPITAL ACTIVATION
- EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
- STANDARD INCIDENT ANNEXES: MCI, HAZMAT, & CBRNE EVENTS

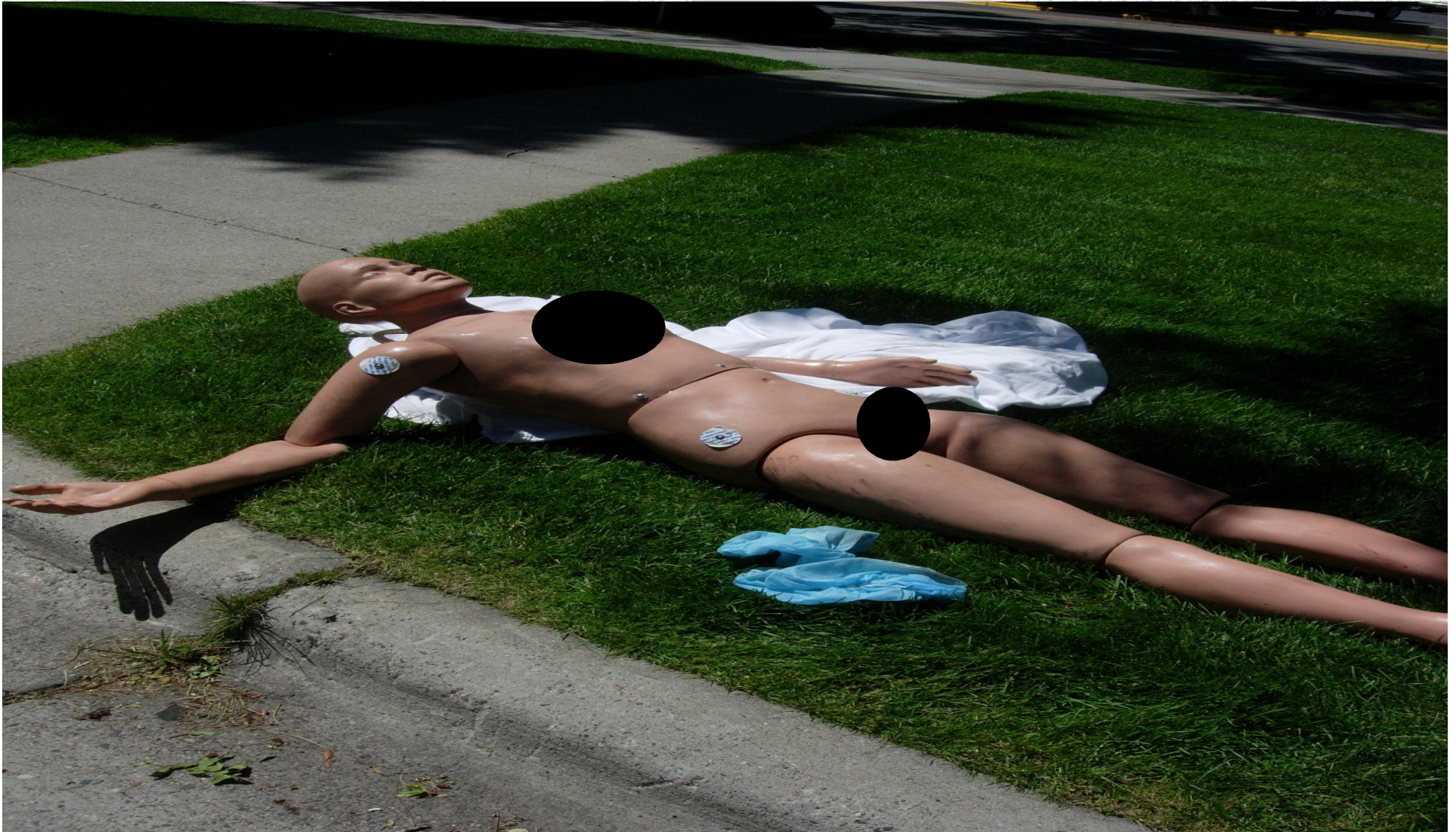
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➤ INTERNAL EVENTS COULD INCLUDE  
CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL OR  
RADIOLOGICAL RELEASES

➤ EXTERNAL EVENTS ARE USUALLY  
IDENTIFIED BY YOUR FACILITY, TOWN  
OR COUNTY HVA



# WHAT WILL TRIGGER YOUR ETA???



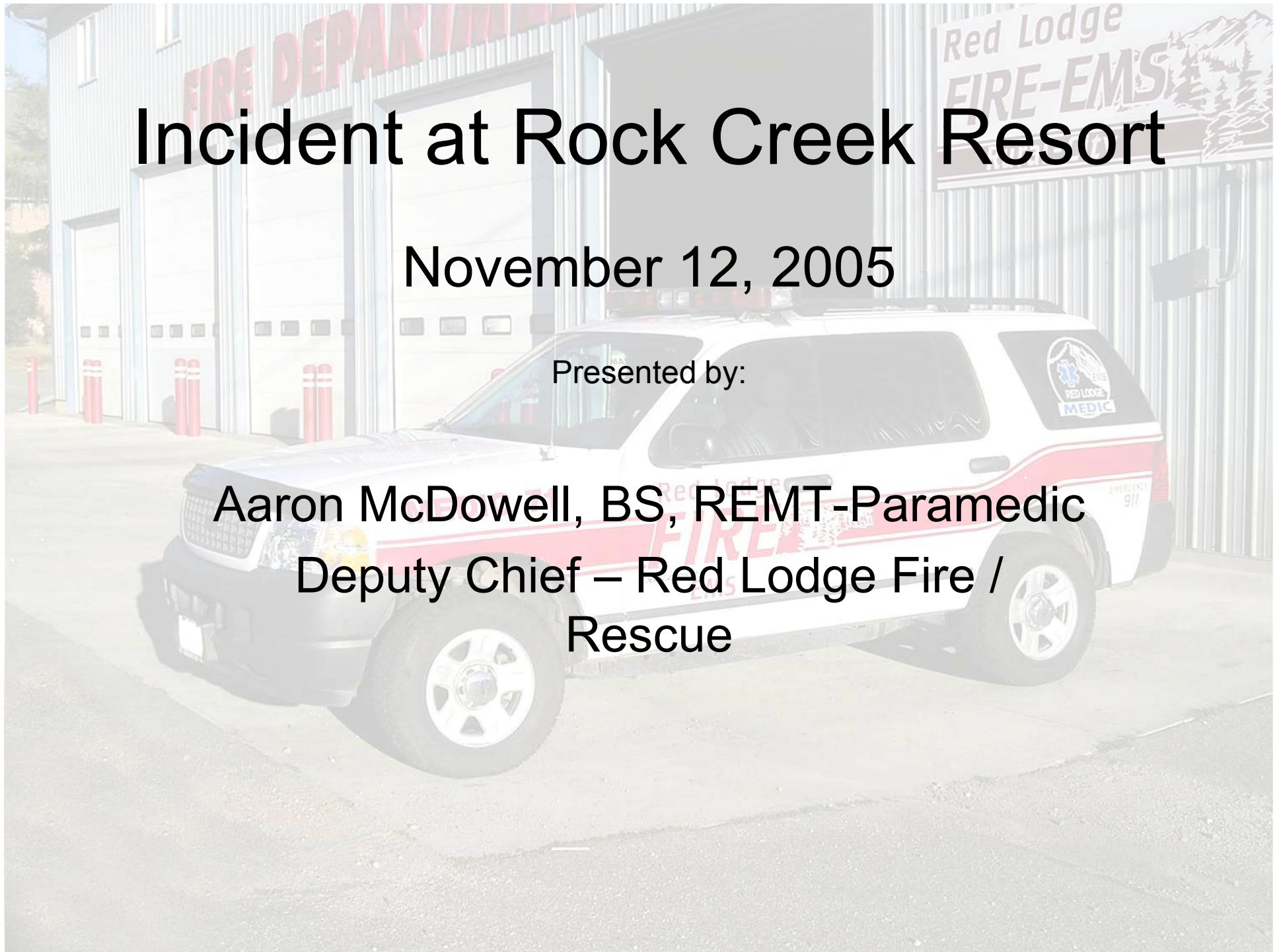


# Incident at Rock Creek Resort

November 12, 2005

Presented by:

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Deputy Chief – Red Lodge Fire /  
Rescue



# The Initial Call

- 2110 – 911 call for a 27 year old female having allergic reaction at Rock Creek Resort (5 miles South of Red Lodge on Hwy 212)
- 2111 – Red Lodge EMS dispatched.
- 2113 – Medic 71 with 1 paramedic en-route
- 2119 – Ambulance 73 en-route with two EMT-B+ on board
- 2119 – Medic 71 on scene
- 2126 – Ambulance 73 on scene



The background image shows a fire department building with a sign that reads "FIRE DEPARTMENT" in red letters. To the right, there is a sign for "Red Lodge FIRE-EMS" with "Rural-City" written below it. In the foreground, a white ambulance with red and black stripes is parked. The ambulance has "Red Lodge FIRE-EMS" written on its side. The title "The Little Picture" is overlaid in the center of the image.

# The Little Picture

- Paramedic McDowell arrived on scene to find a 27 year old female in the care of a Marine physician in an upstairs room of the resort.
- Routine assessment revealed a stable patient who was likely having a mild allergic reaction to a new prescription.
- On arrival of the ambulance, care was turned over to the BLS + crew and the patient was prepped for transport.









Hospital

Rock Creek Resort



# The Big Picture

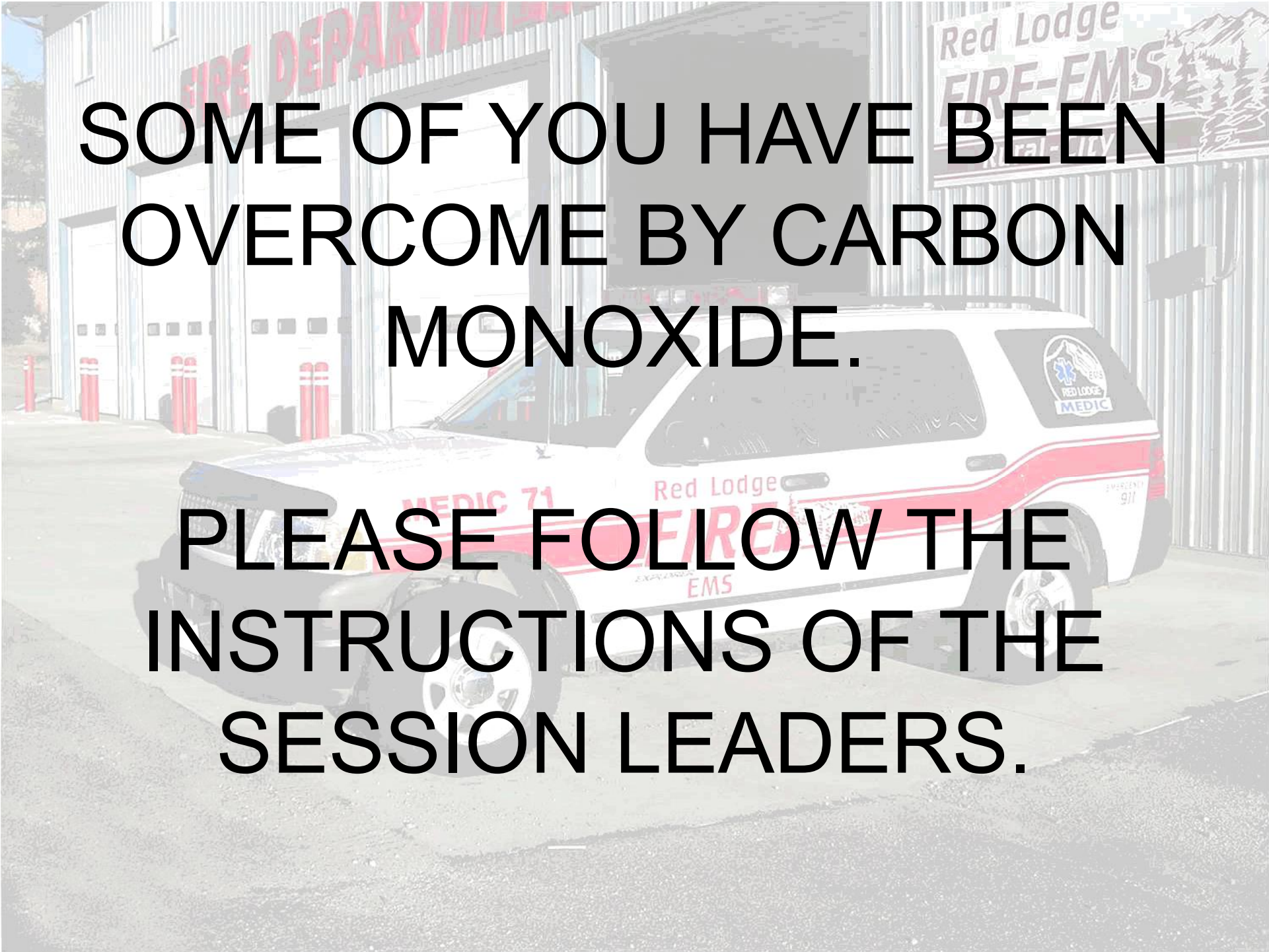
- A Marine Corp. Company was having a homecoming celebration in the main ball room
- Marines in Full Dress uniform were enjoying great food, award ceremonies, dancing, and a normal amount of alcohol
- It was about 9:00 in the evening in mid-November. Outside Temperature was in the 20's and there was a foot of old snow on the ground.

# The Temperature Starts to Rise

- 2130 – Just after the patient was packaged, a Sgt appears in the room and advises the Marine physician (who is also the commanding officer of the unit) that a Marine had passed out in the main ball room.
- The commander remarks that the victim is the biggest and toughest Marine in the unit.
- An ominous sensation begins to grip the room.





A photograph of a Red Lodge Fire-EMS station and an ambulance. The station is a large, light-colored building with "FIRE DEPARTMENT" and "Red Lodge FIRE-EMS" signage. Several red fire extinguishers are visible in the foreground. A white ambulance with red stripes is parked in front of the station. The ambulance has "MEDIC 71", "Red Lodge FIRE-EMS", and "EMERGENCY 911" markings. A "RED LODGE MEDIC" logo is on the rear window. The text "SOME OF YOU HAVE BEEN OVERCOME BY CARBON MONOXIDE." is overlaid in large, bold, black capital letters.

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MONOXIDE.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE  
INSTRUCTIONS OF THE  
SESSION LEADERS.**